

CIVIL TRIAL PREPARATION IN NEW JERSEY: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES AND TECHNIQUES

Friday, June 28, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (non-motion Friday)

Rutgers Law School

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This program will provide an introduction to civil trial preparation, from taking the case to final pretrial proceedings, and the many important procedures in between. You will learn practical strategies and techniques to handle basic civil litigation in both federal and state courts of New Jersey. Topics include:

- Case assessment – goals, budget, time constraints, and client relations
- Pre-suit activities - evidence preservation, investigations, pre-suit discovery, settlement strategies
- Pleadings, Threshold Issues, Affidavit of Merit
- Discovery – scope and privilege issues; Rule 26 disclosures; case management; discovery of electronically stored information; effective use of interrogatories and document requests; deposition procedures; requests for admission; independent medical examinations and non-party discovery
- Motions – strategies, procedures and standards for motions directed to pleadings, discovery and dispositive issues; brief writing and oral argument
- Experts – role of experts; finding and retaining experts; preparation of reports; discovery issues; and admissibility of expert opinion testimony
- Pretrial proceedings – pretrial exchanges/submissions; pre-trial conferences and motions *in limine*

Faculty:

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Mr. Gardner has been representing clients in the federal and state courts for more than thirty years in complex commercial, construction and environmental litigation, class actions, product liability claims, employment restrictive covenant disputes, and trade secret litigation. He is also an adjunct professor at Rutgers Law School teaching Civil Litigation Strategy and Practice, and served six terms as a member of the Supreme Court's Civil Practice Committee.

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